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FOR AMBASSADOR

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: SENATOR CHARLES PERCY HAS
INFORMED ME OF THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS HE AND PRESIDENT
FORD'S SPECIAL AMBASSADOR PHILIP BUCHEN HAD IN KATHMANDU
WITH PRESIDENT CHAUDHRY AND MOHAMMAD NAIM. SENATOR
PERCY HAS TOLD ME THAT MR. NAIM AND PRESIDENT CHAUDHRY
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BOTH EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS

BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD DECREASING TENSIONS AND INITIATING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, BOTH SIDES WOULD CAREFULLY CONTROL THEIR RADIO BROADCASTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A WORSENING OF RELATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES WARMLY ENDORSES THIS UNDERSTANDING

REACHED IN KATHMANDU. IT IS VERY MUCH IN ACCORD WITH OUR OBJECTIVE OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES IN THE REGION. THE CESSATION OF BROADCASTS THAT INCREASE TENSIONS WOULD BE A WELCOME FIRST STEP WHICH WE HOPE WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND AFGHANISTAN. AS A FRIEND OF BOTH, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN SETTLE PEACEFULLY THE ISSUES THAT DIVIDE YOU, THROUGH DIRECT DISCUSSIONS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONCILIATION AND RESTRAINT.

I AM SENDING A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DAOUD INFORMING HIM OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN YOUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WARMEST REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. KISSINGER

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